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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Mathieu D. Vargot

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 September 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 43-71 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 43-71 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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1.The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 71 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by DeLisio et al (see col. 2, lines 9-11 and 19-20; Example 1).

The applied reference discloses the formation of a cast sPP film which is submitted to anticipate the instant claim. Note that the speed of the casting is a process limitation which does not affect the patentability of the film itself.

2.The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 43-70 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over DeLisio et al.

DeLisio et al discloses the basic claimed method for casting a film consisting essentially of a homopolymer of sPP lacking basically the instant speed of casting. Example 1 of the reference discloses a speed (300 ft/min) that is higher than the instant range of 35-200 ft/minute. Certainly, it would have been within the skill level of the art to perform the casting in DeLisio et al at a slightly slower speed than that taught therein given that one would be willing to accept a longer processing time. Example 1 of the reference teaches forming a film employing casting and roll temperatures that would have

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rendered the instant obvious thereover, such being result effective variables which would have been readily determined. The exact tensile strength, coefficient of friction, gloss and thickness of the film would also have been result effective variables readily determined and optimized dependent on final use for the film. Also, the processing aid is well known and conventional in the art when molding slightly intractable polymers.

3.Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

It is believed that newly applied DeLisio et al—already of record—constitutes a better reference than previously applied Shamshoun et al against the claims as amended.

4.Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Mathieu D. Vargot whose telephone number is 571 272-1211. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri from 9 to 6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Johnson, can be reached on 571 272-1176. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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